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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: N. Iwata, et al. EXAMINER: Bernatz, Kevin M.  
U.S.S.N.: 09/990,428 GROUP: 1773  
FILED: November 21, 2001 Conf. No. 4238  
FOR: MAGNETO-OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING A  
REPRODUCING LAYER COMPOSED TO CONTROL MOVEMENT OF  
DOMAIN WALLS THEREIN (AS AMENDED)

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**EXAMINING GROUP 1773**  
**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.16 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 27, 2003, in the above referenced application.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period. Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently

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overlooked and is required. As provided below charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for any required fee.

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